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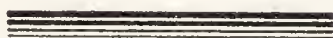
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ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year 1966

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

I submit for your information and consideration my twentieth Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The Rural District of Ringwood and Fordingbridge lies in the south-west of Hampshire. It cradles the fertile valley of the River Avon from the Wiltshire border in the north to where it enters the coastal town of Christchurch in the south. On either side the valley lie the heathlands of Dorset and the New Forest with an area of chalk downs in the north-east.

The District is divided into 16 parishes with very varying populations, some of which have remained virtually static and others where there have been spectacular increases in recent years, almost entirely by immigration.

Farming is the staple occupation of the countryside, but there is a major aircraft factory producing a famous aeroplane, an important foundry associated with the motor car industry, and a wide variety of light industry in the urbanised areas.

Gravel excavation continues to spread its permanent scars over the countryside.

RAINFALL FOR 1966:

The following figures have been provided by the courtesy of the Meteorological Officer at Hurn Airport.

| | INS. | | INS. |
|---------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| January . . . | 3.12 | July . . . | 2.74 |
| February . . . | 5.53 | August . . . | 4.21 |
| March . . . | 0.71 | September . . . | 1.64 |
| April . . . | 4.0 | October . . . | 8.51 |
| May . . . | 1.77 | November . . . | 2.28 |
| June . . . | 1.87 | December . . . | 2.72 |
| TOTAL: 39.10 inches | | | |

GENERAL STATISTICS:

AREA: 90,145 acres.

POPULATION: Registrar-General's estimate for mid-year 1966: 29,610.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 10,253.

RATEABLE VALUE AT 31.12.66: £1,238,220.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE: £4,972.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1966:

(As supplied by the Registrar-General)

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Ringwood & Fordingbridge Rural District</i> | <i>England and Wales</i> |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|----------------------------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS: | | | | | |
| Total . . . | 411 | 214 | 197 | | |
| Legitimate . . . | 378 | 195 | 183 | | |
| Illegitimate . . . | 33 | 19 | 14 | | |

LIVE BIRTH RATE (Comparability Factor 1.21):

| | | |
|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 population | 13.9 | 17.7 |
| After application of comparability factor | 16.8 | |

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS:

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Per cent of total live births | 8.0 | 7.8 |
|---|-----|-----|

STILL BIRTHS:

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Total . . . | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| Legitimate . . . | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Illegitimate . . . | 2 | 1 | 1 |

STILL BIRTH RATE:

| | | |
|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 total (live and still) births | 16.7 | 15.4 |
|---|------|------|

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 418.

INFANT DEATHS:

Deaths under one year of age:

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Total . . . | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Legitimate . . . | 1 | 1 | — |
| Illegitimate . . . | 1 | — | 1 |

Deaths under 4 weeks of age:

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Total . . . | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Legitimate . . . | 1 | 1 | — |
| Illegitimate . . . | 1 | — | 1 |

Deaths under one week of age:

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Total . . . | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Legitimate . . . | 1 | 1 | — |
| Illegitimate . . . | 1 | — | 1 |

INFANT MORTALITY RATE:

| | | |
|--|------|------|
| Per 1,000 live births: Total | 4.9 | 19.0 |
| „ „ „ „ Legitimate | 2.6 | |
| „ „ „ „ Illegitimate | 30.3 | |

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District</i> | <i>England and Wales</i> |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|----------------------------------|
|--|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|----------------------------------|

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:

Deaths under 4 weeks:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 live births | . | . | . | . | 4.9 | 12.9 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:

Deaths under one week:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 live births | . | . | . | . | 4.9 | 11.1 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE:

Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined:

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 total (live and still) births | . | . | . | . | 21.5 | 26.3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|

MATERNAL DEATHS

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| (Including abortion) | . | . | . | . | Nil |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 total (live and still) births | . | . | . | Nil | 0.26 |
|---|---|---|---|-----|------|

DEATHS:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> |
| 438 | 213 | 225 |

DEATH RATE: (Comparability factor 0.62)

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 population | . | . | . | . | 14.8 | 11.7 |
| After application of comparability factor | . | . | . | . | 9.2 | |

SPECIAL CAUSES:

Death rate per 1,000 population:

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Tuberculosis | . | . | . | . | 0.03 | 0.05 |
| Cancer (lung and bronchus) | . | . | . | . | 0.61 | 0.56 |
| Cancer (all causes) | . | . | . | . | 2.80 | 2.25 |

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS:

(Since the District was formed in 1932)

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Population</i> | <i>Ringwood and Fordingbridge</i> | | | <i>England and Wales</i> | | |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | <i>I.M.R.</i> | <i>B.R.</i> | <i>D.R.</i> | <i>I.M.R.</i> | <i>B.R.</i> | <i>D.R.</i> |
| 1932 | 18,400 | 60 | 15.4 | 12.6 | 65 | 15.3 | 12.0 |
| 1937 | 18,690 | 23 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 58 | 14.9 | 12.4 |
| 1942 | 20,640 | 19 | 17.6 | 14.9 | 49 | 15.8 | 11.6 |
| 1947 | 21,360 | 36 | 22.1 | 13.6 | 41 | 20.5 | 12.0 |
| 1952 | 24,060 | 28 | 16.2 | 12.4 | 27.6 | 15.3 | 11.3 |
| 1957 | 25,180 | 30 | 14.6 | 18.9 | 23.0 | 16.1 | 11.5 |
| 1962 | 27,380 | 29 | 15.0 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 18.0 | 11.9 |
| 1963 | 28,030 | 21 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 20.9 | 18.2 | 12.2 |
| 1964 | 28,850 | 14 | 14.5 | 13.6 | 20.0 | 18.4 | 11.3 |
| 1965 | 29,320 | 9.5 | 14.4 | 14.9 | 19.0 | 18.1 | 11.5 |
| 1966 | 29,610 | 4.9 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 19.0 | 17.7 | 11.7 |

CAUSES OF DEATH:

| | | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> |
|----|---|-------------|---------------|
| 1 | Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | — |
| 2 | Tuberculosis, other | — | — |
| 3 | Syphilitic disease | 1 | — |
| 4 | Diphtheria | — | — |
| 5 | Whooping Cough | — | — |
| 6 | Meningococcal infection | — | — |
| 7 | Acute Poliomyelitis | — | — |
| 8 | Measles | — | — |
| 9 | Other infective and parasitic diseases | — | — |
| 10 | Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 4 | 1 |
| 11 | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 13 | 5 |
| 12 | Malignant neoplasm, breast | — | 7 |
| 13 | Malignant neoplasm, uterus | — | 1 |
| 14 | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 27 | 25 |
| 15 | Leukaemia, aleukaemia | — | — |
| 16 | Diabetes | 2 | 3 |
| 17 | Vascular lesions of nervous system | 22 | 43 |
| 18 | Coronary disease, angina | 66 | 37 |
| 19 | Hypertension with heart disease | 2 | 5 |
| 20 | Other heart disease | 17 | 32 |
| 21 | Other circulatory disease | 10 | 16 |
| 22 | Influenza | — | 1 |
| 23 | Pneumonia | 14 | 26 |
| 24 | Bronchitis | 12 | 1 |
| 25 | Other diseases of respiratory system | 3 | 3 |
| 26 | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 1 | — |
| 27 | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | — | — |
| 28 | Nephritis and nephrosis | 1 | — |
| 29 | Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | — |
| 30 | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | — | — |
| 31 | Congenital malformations | 1 | — |
| 32 | Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 9 | 8 |
| 33 | Motor vehicle accidents | 5 | 2 |
| 34 | All other accidents | — | 6 |
| 35 | Suicide | 1 | 3 |
| 36 | Homicide and operations of war | — | — |
| | | 213 | 225 |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications were at a very low level.

| <i>Notifications</i> | <i>Number</i> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Measles | 76 |
| Whooping Cough | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 4 |
| Erysipelas | 1 |

TUBERCULOSIS

| | <i>Pulmonary</i> | | <i>Non-Pulmonary</i> | | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------|
| | M | F | M | F | |
| No. on Register at 31.12.66 | 133 | 85 | 41 | 16 | 275 |
| No. of new notifications | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| Transfers from other areas | — | — | — | — | — |
| Deaths | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |

LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer deaths decreased by 3 to a total of 18 – a reduction of 5 in the number of male deaths but an increase of 2 female deaths. 6 of the men and 2 of the women were under the age of 65. The average number of deaths per annum has now risen to 13.9 over the past ten years and 15.2 over the last five.

The national total of lung cancer deaths continues to rise, though the rise was less abrupt in 1966 than in recent years. The increase in male deaths was halved but was only slightly reduced in women. Is it perhaps too much to hope that the hazards of smoking have at last begun to make their impression on men? None the less, 27,019 lung cancer deaths occurred, and when these are taken in conjunction with over 110,000 deaths from coronary disease and nearly 30,000 from bronchitis – in which smoking is an acknowledged factor – the toll of tobacco is vast indeed.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The area is served by two constituent laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. The one at Boscombe is under the direction of Dr. G. J. G. King, and that at Salisbury under Dr. P. J. Wormald. In each case the Directors are available as consultants in field work, in the District.

The following list, kindly supplied by Dr. King, is of specimens from this District examined at the Boscombe Laboratory.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Milk | 79 |
| Water | 24 |
| Faeces (Human) | 26 |
| „ (Bovine) | 20 |
| Ice Cream | 9 |
| Other Sanitary | 41 |
| Food | 5 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 204 |
| | <hr/> |

2. HOSPITALS

Hospital facilities are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Fordingbridge Cottage Hospital

St. Leonard's Hospital) *Aged and chronic*

Fordingbridge Infirmary) *sick*

The majority of patients requiring hospital treatment go to Bournemouth or Salisbury.

Cases of infectious disease go to Alderney Hospital, Poole.

3. TUBERCULOSIS

The clinic facilities for the treatment, prevention and after-care of this infection are provided jointly by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Council. Chest Physicians hold joint appointments and specialist health visitors are provided by the County Council. Cases south of Fordingbridge come under the Chest Physician at Christchurch, Dr. Stuart Robertson, and those in the northern part of the area under the Chest Physician at Salisbury.

A voluntary Care and After Care Committee under the Chairmanship of Lady Manners provides comforts for a small number of chronic and ageing patients.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. AMBULANCE SERVICES

The area Ambulance Service is provided from a main station at Lymington with sub-stations at Ringwood and Christchurch. All ambulances are fitted with wireless and are now controlled from a central control at Winchester, to which all requests for ambulance services must be directed.

The Central Ambulance Control,
Queen's Road,
Winchester.

Telephone: Winchester 61644

Emergency 999 calls are routed direct to central control.

2. NURSING SERVICES

The Nursing Services are administered locally by the District Health Sub-Committee.

Details of Nurses and their areas:

NORTHERN NURSING AREA

| <i>District Served</i> | <i>Name and Address</i> | <i>Service</i> |
|--|--|--|
| Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman | Miss I. C. Durley, Nurse's House, Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge. TEL: Fordingbridge 3185 | NURSE/MIDWIFE and HEALTH VISITOR |
| Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman | Miss H. M. Casey, 2, Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge. TEL: Fordingbridge 2157 | NURSE/MIDWIFE and HEALTH VISITOR |
| Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman | Mrs. A. J. Bolton, "Brentwood," Marle Lane, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge. TEL: Fordingbridge 3345 | NURSE/MIDWIFE and HEALTH VISITOR |

SOUTHERN NURSING AREA

| <i>Districts Served</i> | <i>Name and Address</i> | <i>Service</i> |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Ringwood (part of) Hightown, Moortown, Kingston, Bisterne, Upper and Lower Bisterne, Crow, and Crow Hill, Foulford. | Miss R. Howick, "Nestomi", 17, Highfield Avenue, Ringwood. TEL: Ringwood 3565 | NURSE/MIDWIFE |
| | Mrs. E. E. Arnold, 17, Kingsway, Ferndown, Dorset. TEL: Ferndown 3318 | HEALTH VISITOR |
| Ringwood (part of) Blashford, Ellingham, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Linwood, Rockford, Poulner, Highwood, Linford and Shobley. | Miss P. M. Bain, 12, Winston Way, Ringwood. TEL: Ringwood 3992 | NURSE/MIDWIFE |
| | Mrs. E. E. Arnold | HEALTH VISITOR |
| Ringwood (part of) St. Leonards and St. Ives, Ashley, Harefield, Somerley, Waltham Estate, Nea Heath. | Miss A. M. Hill, Ferndale Villa, St. Ives, Ringwood. TEL: Ringwood 3196 | NURSE/MIDWIFE |
| | Mrs. E. E. Arnold | HEALTH VISITOR |
| Attached to Drs. Howard and Wood, Burley. | Mrs. A. M. Powell, Sandy Shoot, Honey Lane, Burley. TEL: Burley 3185 | NURSE/MIDWIFE and HEALTH VISITOR |
| Bransgore, Cuckoo Hill, Sopley, Ripley, Avon, Winkton, Bockhampton, Waterditch, Burton, Godwinscroft, Neacroft. | Miss H. Winder, Nurse's Cottage, 2, Meyrick Close, Bransgore, Near Christchurch. TEL: Bransgore 505. | NURSE/MIDWIFE and HEALTH VISITOR |
| Hurn (but excluding The Airport) | Miss M. Ellwood, 2, Felton Crescent, Highcliffe, Christchurch. TEL: Highcliffe 3426. | MIDWIFE |
| Hurn and Hurn Airport. | Mrs. M. A. Tate, 3, Warren Edge Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. TEL: Bournemouth 47407. | HEALTH VISITOR |
| Relief work in Ringwood and Fordingbridge area. | Mrs. J. L. Street, The Bungalow, Hangersley, Ringwood. TEL: Ringwood 3928. | NURSE/MIDWIFE |

3. HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help Service is under the local administration of the District Health Sub-Committee.

The Divisional Organiser is Mrs. M. Bowler, Hillcroft, New Street, Lymington. Telephone: Lymington 2963.

4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

| <i>Child Welfare Centre</i> | <i>Place</i> | <i>Time</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Breamore | Woodgreen Hall | First Thursday in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Fordingbridge | Victoria Rooms | First and Third Tuesdays in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Ringwood | Conway Hall | Every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. |
| St. Leonards | District Hall | Fourth Tuesday in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Bransgore | Village Hall | Second and Fourth Fridays in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Burley | Myrtle Hall | Second and Fourth Wednesdays in month at 2.30 p.m. |

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School medical inspections are carried out periodically by Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Visitors.

Special clinics are held at the County Council Health Centre, Christchurch, and at the County Council Dental Clinic in Ringwood.

6. SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Treatment is principally carried out by family doctors but is also available at Child Welfare Centres. Records for children up to the age of 16 are maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is free, but family doctors normally charge for certificates of vaccination.

Number of Vaccination Record Cards received during 1966:

| AGE | <i>Months</i> | | | | <i>Years</i> | | | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|-----|------|--------------|
| | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 1 yr. | 2-4 | 5-15 | |
| Primary Vaccinations | — | 1 | 1 | 7 | 142 | 71 | 7 | 229 |
| Re-Vaccinations | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 5 | 8 |

7. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

Treatment is carried out by family doctors and at Child Welfare Centres and schools. Records are at present maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer, but plans are in course of preparation for eventual computerisation of the records.

A good response to immunisation has been maintained.

| <i>Type of Vaccine</i> | <i>Year of Birth</i> | | | | | <i>Others under 16</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|----------------------|------|------|------|---------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1959-62 | | |
| Quadrilin | | | | | | | |
| Primary | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus | | | | | | | |
| Primary | 143 | 186 | 15 | 7 | 6 | — | 357 |
| Re-inforcing | — | 35 | 80 | 59 | 188 | 10 | 372 |
| Diphtheria - Tetanus | | | | | | | |
| Primary | — | 1 | — | — | 22 | 12 | 35 |
| Re-inforcing | — | — | 3 | 2 | 66 | 196 | 267 |
| Diphtheria only | | | | | | | |
| Primary | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 3 |
| Re-inforcing | — | — | — | — | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | |
| Primary | 108 | 235 | 42 | 12 | 26 | 9 | 432 |
| Re-inforcing | — | 20 | 20 | 23 | 182 | 25 | 270 |

WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied with water from the mains of the West Hampshire Water Company whose principal works are in the Borough of Christchurch, where the supply is taken from the River Avon. In 1957 the Company developed an additional source from deep boreholes in the chalk at Hale Park and this now supplies most of this District. The borehole water is subjected to marginal chlorination and is treated to remove excess dissolved carbon dioxide and iron.

Raw and treated waters from the Hale bores are examined twice a week at the Company's own water testing laboratory which is in charge of a qualified chemist and bacteriologist. In addition, periodic samples are sent to an outside laboratory.

During the year 25 samples of water were taken from sources of supply other than the mains; 15 of these were found to be unsatisfactory.

The following list gives the number of premises, in parishes, supplied with main water as noted in the Water Company's records:

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Separately assessed domestic dwellings</i> | <i>Approximate population supplied</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Martin | 124 | 353 |
| Rockbourne | 149 | 425 |
| Whitsbury | 70 | 199 |
| Breamore | 101 | 288 |
| Hale | 180 | 513 |
| Woodgreen | 184 | 524 |
| Damerham | 139 | 396 |
| Fordingbridge | 1716 | 4890 |
| Harbridge and Ibsley | 149 | 424 |
| Ellingham | 196 | 558 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives | 1350 | 3847 |
| Ringwood | 3135 | 8934 |
| Burley | 573 | 1643 |
| Hurn | 97 | 276 |
| Sopley | 291 | 829 |
| Christchurch East | 1473 | 4198 |

Standpipes are installed at six cottages at Lower Daggons.

A typical result of an examination of a sample of the treated water from the Hale borehole is shown below:

THE COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES
ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER received on 13.7.66 from
WEST HAMPSHIRE WATER COMPANY

Chemical results in parts per million

Appearance: Bright with a few particles.

Turbidity (A.P.H.A. units): less than 3.

Colour (Hazen): Nil.

pH: 7.8

Electric Conductivity: 480.

Reciprocal Megohms per cm.

Chlorine present as Chloride: 16.

Hardness: Total 265. Carbonate 225.

Nitrate Nitrogen: 5.3

Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.03.

Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.00.

Metals: Iron, Zinc, Copper, Lead: Absent.

Fluoride: Absent.

Odour: Nil.

Free Carbon Dioxide: 8.

Dissolved Solids dried at 180°C: 340.

Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 225

Non-carbonate: 40.

Nitrite Nitrogen: Absent.

Oxygen Absorbed: 0.10.

Residual Chlorine: 0.14.

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS:

| Number of colonies developing on Agar | 1 day at 37°C. | 2 days at 37°C. | 3 days at 20-22°C. |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | 0 per ml. | 1 per ml. | 1 per ml. |

| | <i>Present in</i> | <i>Absent from</i> | <i>Most probable number</i> |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Presumptive coliform reaction | — ml. | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
| Bact. coli. (Type 1) | — ml. | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
| Cl. Welchii reaction | 100 ml. | 10 ml. | |

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and is also of very satisfactory bacterial purity.

These results indicate a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The first stage of the St. Leonards and St. Ives scheme was completed in August and a tender for Stage IIA was accepted. This work commenced in December. It is anticipated that the final stage will commence at the end of 1967.

The Bransgore scheme commenced in May and has made such good progress that it seems likely to reach completion in advance of schedule.

Approval in principle has been received for the sewerage of Sandleheath, and for extensions to the Fordingbridge works.

Approval in principle has also been received for the Burley scheme.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk production in the area is supervised by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Retail Distribution is supervised by officers of this Council.

There is no pasteurising plant within the District.

The following table shows the number of registered Dairy Farmers in the District at the end of 1966:

| | <i>Registered Producers</i> | <i>"Untreated milk" licence holders</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Martin | 7 | — |
| Rockbourne | 9 | — |
| Whitsbury | 1 | — |
| Breamore | 10 | 1 |
| Hale | 8 | — |
| Woodgreen | 3 | 1 |
| Damerham | 5 | — |
| Fordingbridge | 32 | 1 |
| Harbridge and Ibsley | 10 | 1 |
| Ellingham | 8 | 2 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives | 7 | — |
| Ringwood | 24 | 3 |
| Burley | 5 | — |
| Hurn | 6 | 1 |
| Sopley | 19 | — |
| Christchurch East | 22 | — |
| | <hr/> 176 | <hr/> 10 |

The records show a further reduction in the number of registered producers.

The details have been kindly supplied by the Divisional Executive Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

SAMPLING OF FOOD AND DRUGS

The County Council is the sampling authority and the following report on sampling within this District has been kindly supplied by Mr. J. S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer.

During the year ended 31st March, 1967, 198 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 within the area of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District Council.

MILK SAMPLES

172 samples of milk, including 33 "Channel Islands", were obtained. Of these, 16 were below the required fat content but they were from individual churns of milk included in larger consignments and, the average fat content of the consignment being in each case above the required limit, no offences were involved. Seven other samples were also deficient of fat. These, obtained from a producer-retailer, were from bottles ready for retail sale or from churns awaiting collection by a wholesale dairy and, in view of the relatively small deficiencies, the matter was dealt with by a warning. One sample contained a small proportion of antibiotics (.05 international units per millilitre). The matter was brought to the notice of the producer concerned with a view to appropriate precautions being taken. Subsequent checks gave satisfactory results.

MISCELLANEOUS SAMPLES

26 samples of articles other than milk were obtained and, of these, 16 were submitted for analysis and found to be satisfactory. Only one sample received an adverse report and this was submitted as the result of a consumer complaint. It was in respect of a meat patty which, the complainant thought, was filled with sausage meat. Analysis showed the meat to be of satisfactory composition but the proportion present (18%) was considered to be rather low. The result was forwarded to the vendor.

GENERAL

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints concerning these matters.

In addition Mr. Preston gives the following interesting information: The scheme for the sampling of foodstuffs for pesticide residues came into operation on the 1st August, 1966, and will operate for two years, each being divided into three four-monthly periods. It is intended that thirty samples will be procured each year, ten during each of the four-monthly periods. Up to the end of March 1967, the requisite twenty samples were obtained within the County area, excluding the areas of separate Food and Drugs Authorities. The detailed results of these samples will be given after the scheme has been completed but, so far, no evidence of contamination has been found.

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

The systematic survey of food premises continues; 13 were inspected for the first time and 70 re-inspections were made. The general standard is satisfactory.

HOUSING

99 Council houses were completed during the year but the waiting list remains stationary.

Private construction showed a moderate increase.

The survey of unfit houses continues; 158 houses were inspected, 21 unfit houses were demolished and 51 were made fit by formal or informal action.

| | | | |
|--|---|---|-------|
| No. on Housing Waiting List 31.12.66 | . | . | 332 |
| No. of Council houses completed in 1966 | . | . | 99 |
| No. of Private Houses completed in 1966 | . | . | 237 |
| Dwellings administered by the Council at 31.12.66: | | | |
| Permanent Houses | . | . | 1,346 |
| Prefabs | . | . | 28 |

THORNEY HILL REHABILITATION CENTRE

The work at this Centre continues. One family was transferred to a Council house during the year.

PROBLEM FAMILIES MEETINGS

Three further meetings of the co-ordinating committee were held to discuss the progress or otherwise of certain families. It was possible to recommend the cessation of observation in some cases and to suggest re-housing in others.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47

No action was required under this Section.

HURN AIRPORT

Owing to the expansion at Southampton Airport services steadily declined at Hurn, until by October all scheduled services had been withdrawn. The airport was then reduced to opening from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 5 days a week. Passenger traffic fell to 51,000, less than one-quarter of the previous year.

The airport remains in use for some charter flights, flight testing, flying training and air traffic control instruction. The Air Traffic Control School is in full operation. Few diversions now reach the airport and indeed the runways are not suitable for some of the very large aircraft now in service.

Dr. Cauchi and myself remain on call for emergency port health duties but were not required during the year.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The only public swimming bath in the District is the open air pool at Ringwood which is run by the Parish Council and which was fully described in the 1959 report. The water is drawn from the mains and is continuously circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

16 samples from the pool were subjected to laboratory examination with satisfactory results on each occasion.

GENERAL REMARKS

The health of the District was satisfactory throughout the year.

The incidence of infectious disease was extremely low.

The estimated mid-year population increased by 290 to 29,610, the smallest increase since 1959-60.

The birth-rate fell for the third successive year.

The infant mortality rate was by far the lowest ever recorded in this area.

The number of deaths increased by one but there was a slight fall in the death rate. Deaths exceeded births by 27. 53% of all deaths were inhabitants over the age of 75.

Continued progress was made with slum clearance.

Good progress continues to be made with the sewerage of St. Leonards and St. Ives, and with the Bransgore Scheme. Further schemes are pending.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration, my colleagues in other departments for their advice and assistance, and in particular Mr. Upstone and his Staff for their pleasant co-operation.

D. J. N. McNAB,

Medical Officer of Health.

MAY, 1967

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

| <i>Premises</i> | <i>Number on Register</i> | <i>Number of</i> | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | <i>Inspec- tions</i> | <i>Written notices</i> | <i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 16 | — | — | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 120 | 17 | — | — |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 136 | 17 | — | — |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient . | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective . . | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| (c) Not separate for sexes . . . | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL . . | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |

Part VIII of the Act
OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

| <i>Nature of Work</i> | SECTION 133 | | | SECTION 134 | | |
|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> | <i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> | <i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> | <i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i> | <i>Notices served</i> | <i>Prosecutions</i> |
| Wearing Apparel: Making, etc. | 37 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Cleaning and Washing Plastic Goods | — 15 | — — | — — | — — | — — | — — |
| TOTAL | 52 | — | — | — | — | — |

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD
AND FORDINGBRIDGE



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor



FOR THE YEAR

1966

Public Offices,

May 1967

Ringwood,

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report as your Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor dealing with the work carried out by my Department during the year 1966.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

| | |
|---|-------|
| Housing Acts | 845 |
| Rent Act | 2 |
| Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act | 872 |
| Moveable Dwellings | 190 |
| Gypsy Camps | 13 |
| Rehabilitation Centre, Thorneyhill | 6 |
| Nuisances and Complaints | 1,234 |
| Clean Air Act | 1 |
| Litter Act | 31 |
| Water Supplies | 58 |
| Swimming Baths | 9 |
| Meat and other Foods | 20 |
| Knacker's Yards | 3 |
| Food and Drugs | 676 |
| Watercress Beds | 3 |
| Milk and Dairies | 56 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act | 526 |
| Factories Act | 22 |
| Infectious Diseases | 73 |
| Food Poisoning | 24 |
| National Assistance Act | 1 |
| Rodent Control | 9 |
| Animal Boarding Establishments Act | 27 |
| Pet Animals Act | 15 |
| Removal of Vehicles (England and Wales) Regulations | 4 |
| Noise Abatement Act | 8 |
| Ringwood Sewerage | 106 |
| Ringwood Sewerage, Capital Works | 5 |
| Fordingbridge Sewerage | 58 |
| Burton and Winkton Sewerage | 12 |
| Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage, Capital Works | 76 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works | 90 |
| Other Sewerage Schemes, Capital Works | 12 |
| Trade Effluent | 3 |
| Surface Water Drainage | 84 |
| Surface Water Drainage, Capital Works | 46 |
| Caravan Site, Capital Works | 59 |
| Public Cleansing | 56 |
| Other Services administered by the Council | 583 |
| Petroleum and Carbide | 267 |
| Building Byelaws and Regulations | 6,343 |

| | |
|---|--------|
| New Street Byelaws | 12 |
| Town and Country Planning | 1,144 |
| Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest | 1 |
| Dangerous Buildings | 8 |
| Housing Sites | 49 |
| Housing Estates, Capital Works | 57 |
| Housing Estate Maintenance | 5,720 |
| Caravan Sites Maintenance | 15 |
| Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts | 212 |
| Land Charges | 44 |
| Legal Proceedings | 17 |
| Unclassifiable | 96 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 19,903 |
| | <hr/> |

HOUSING

SLUM CLEARANCE

158 houses were inspected and reports made to the Housing Committee in respect of 32 houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense. 21 unfit dwellings were demolished and 2 made fit, and a further 49 made fit as a result of informal action. 1966 was the first year of the third 5-year period in the Slum Clearance Campaign, and 1,362 dwellings have been inspected in detail since the commencement of the Campaign in 1956.

The following summary shows the number of dwellings dealt with by demolition, closing and repair under the Housing and Public Health Acts since 1956:

| | 1966 | 1961-65 | 1956-60 | <i>Total</i> 1956-66 |
|---|------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders made | 13 | 66 | 73 | 152 |
| 2. Houses in respect of which Closing Orders made | 5 | 15 | 6 | 26 |
| 3. Houses included in Clearance Areas | 2 | 6 | 20 | 28 |
| 4. Unfit houses closed on Undertakings | 0 | 0 | 39 | 39 |
| 5. Houses in respect of which Undertakings to Make Fit accepted | 0 | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| 6. Houses demolished | 21 | 70 | 43 | 134 |
| 7. Houses made fit by formal action | 2 | 30 | 18 | 50 |
| 8. Houses made fit by informal action | 49 | 281 | 164 | 494 |

At the end of 1966 Orders and Undertakings were still outstanding on 97 dwellings as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Demolition Orders | 53 |
| Closing Orders | 19 |
| Clearance Orders | 6 |
| Undertakings to Make Fit | 1 |
| Undertakings to Keep Vacant | 18 |

Five hundred and seventy-three visits and inspections were made.

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received; 2 Certificates issued in the previous year were cancelled, where works were satisfactorily completed.

Two visits and inspections were made.

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

The making of Discretionary Grants, suspended in January, 1965, as a result of the financial situation, was not recommenced. Since the inception of the Scheme in 1951, 226 applications have been approved for 279 units of accommodation, including the conversion of 7 stabling blocks into 8 units and one house which was converted into four flats for aged persons. At the 31st December, 1966, the total amount paid in Discretionary Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £78,024, the total amount approved by the Council being £82,987.

Thirty-six inspections were made of works in progress.

48 preliminary enquiries were received in respect of Standard Grants; 37 applications were approved, the total possible maximum Grant involved being £6,873. In one case the Council agreed that rent in excess of the limit imposed by Section 20 of the Rent Act, 1957, should be charged. One application was refused, which referred to a dwelling obtained by conversion after the 3rd October, 1961.

321 Standard Grants have been approved since the introduction of the Scheme in June, 1959. At the 31st December, 1966, the total amount paid in Standard Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £27,325, and the total amount approved £49,463.

Two hundred and thirty-six visits and inspections were made.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The following table gives the position at the end of 1966:

| | <i>No. of Sites</i> | <i>No. of Caravans</i> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sites with permanent Planning permission and site licences for residential caravans (including sites with 100 and 220 caravans) | 50 | 519 |
| Sites with permanent Planning permission and site licences for holiday caravans (including sites with 70, 124 and 265 caravans) | 7 | 556 |
| Sites with temporary Planning permission and site licences | 57 | 65 |
| Sites subject to Enforcement Notices | 4 | 4 |

Applications for site licences were refused in 15 instances where Planning permission had been refused.

Legal proceedings were authorised in nine cases; in one the prosecution was successful and the occupier was fined, three others are pending, and in the other five cases proceedings were dropped as the contraventions had ceased.

Under paragraphs 4 and 5 of the First Schedule to the Act the Minister of Housing and Local Government is empowered to issue Certificates of Exemption to certain organisations where he is satisfied that their objects include the encouragement or promotion of recreational activities, *e.g.* The Caravan Club, The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides' Associations, The Motor Caravanners Club, etc.; sites used by these organisations for caravanning are not required to be licensed by the local authority. There is one exempted site in the district with 60 caravans, run by the Caravan Club, and six other sites certificated by these organisations, where the number of caravans stationed on the site is limited to not more than five at any one time.

The Council's Caravan Site at North Poulner Road, Ringwood was completed and ready for occupation in April. There are 96 standings for permanent residents and 2 for itinerant caravans, each with separate store and water closet, electricity connection, water supply and television aerial. There is a shop, toilet and laundry block and a resident warden, and the site has been landscaped. Rents are 35*s.* 0*d.* per week, plus rates, with 2*s.* 0*d.* per week for car parking. The site was intended to cater for caravans on sites subject to Enforcement Notices or with temporary Planning permission. All standings are occupied, with the exception of 38 reserved for caravans at present on sites which are to be compulsorily purchased by the County Council for afforestation purposes, and the County Council has assumed responsibility for the rents of these standings. The number of occupied individual sites in the district subject to Enforcement Notices has been reduced from 42 to 4.

Six families are accommodated at The Gravel Pit, Godshill, a site leased in 1962 by the Council and reserved for the use of gypsies, travellers and the like; one of the occupants acts as Warden. Rents charged are 7*s.* 6*d.* per week for each standing with one caravan, with an additional 2*s.* 6*d.* per week for any extra caravan. A mains water supply and sanitary accommodation have been provided by the Council.

Agreement was reached with the Forestry Commission regarding sanitary accommodation and sewage disposal at their caravan and camping site at Holmsley Airfield, originally designed to cater for 200 caravans and 100 tents, with a maximum population of 750 persons, but where the Forestry Commission wished to increase the population to a maximum of 2,000, so as to avoid turning people away.

Eight hundred and seventy-two visits and inspections were made.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 269

2 licences were issued for the retention of moveable dwellings, and another for the retention of 4 holiday chalets; Planning permission was obtained in each case. 2 licences for the use of sites for camping were issued, one for 75 and the other for 200 tents, and one licence was amended to allow 60 tents instead of 30. There are now 5 licensed sites in the district, with a total of 435 tents; sites cannot be controlled under this Section if used for less than 42 consecutive days or less than 60 days in any one year.

One hundred and ninety visits and inspections were made.

REHABILITATION CENTRE

One family from the County Council's Centre at Thorneyhill was rehoused by the Council at Brick Lane, making a total of 4 families rehoused since the Centre came into operation in August, 1964.

GYPSY CAMPS

The Council took successful legal action under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, and the Public Health Act, 1936, against the owner of a site at Millersford Bottom, Woodgreen, occupied by three gypsy families and a single man, which had been the subject of a petition from local residents, and which is without water, electricity or sanitation; of the three families, one has now moved to the Rehabilitation Centre, another, the largest, will eventually be moved to the Centre and rehoused in the Woodgreen area, and the third has been accepted on to the Housing Waiting List.

Since 1949 the Council has housed a total of 62 families of gypsies or with gypsy backgrounds.

Nineteen visits and inspections were made.

NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS

153 complaints were received during the year, which involved a total of one thousand, two hundred and thirty-four visits. Details are as follows:—

| | <i>Complaints received</i> | <i>Number of visits</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Insanitary conditions | 20 | 25 |
| Unsatisfactory and insufficient water supplies | 1 | 2 |
| Noise | 7 | 40 |
| Dust, effluvia or smoke | 5 | 52 |
| Fly and other infestations | 7 | 31 |
| Offensive smells | 17 | 125 |
| Cesspools and drains | 28 | 511 |
| Food | 10 | 77 |
| Animals | 4 | 29 |
| Offensive accumulations | 9 | 84 |
| Offensive and obstructed ditches | 18 | 198 |
| Flooding and surface water drainage | 12 | 51 |
| Miscellaneous | 15 | 9 |
| | <hr/> 153 | <hr/> 1,234 |

Statutory action under the Public Health Act, 1936, was taken as follows:

SECTION 39

Requiring the satisfactory provision of drainage to existing buildings.

1 Notice served.

SECTION 50

Requiring works to remedy leaking or overflowing cesspools.

5 Notices served.

1 Notice complied with.

1 outstanding Notice complied with.

SECTIONS 93/94

Requiring the abatement of a nuisance.

3 Notices served.

3 Notices complied with.

2 outstanding Notices complied with.

Statutory action was also authorised in 7 other cases, but works were carried out before the Notices were served.

Informal action under the Public Health Act, 1936, was taken as follows:—

SECTION 39

Requiring the satisfactory provision of drainage to existing buildings.

1 Notice issued.

1 Notice complied with.

SECTION 50

Requiring works to remedy leaking or overflowing cesspools.

16 Notices issued.

7 Notices complied with.

3 outstanding Notices complied with.

SECTIONS 93/94

Requiring the abatement of a nuisance.

37 Notices issued.

18 Notices complied with.

3 outstanding Notices complied with.

SECTION 259

Requiring the abatement of a nuisance in connection with a watercourse, ditch, pond, etc.

18 Notices issued.

4 Notices complied with.

CLEAN AIR ACT

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.

One visit of inspection was made.

LITTER ACT

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.

Wood waste blowing into adjoining streets and gardens from a factory at Fordingbridge continued to be a source of complaint; new machinery was installed and the adjacent streets swept by factory employees to overcome the nuisance.

Thirty-one visits and inspections were made.

WATER SUPPLIES

25 samples of water were collected for bacteriological examination.

No Statutory action was taken.

Fifty-eight visits and inspections were made.

SWIMMING POOL

16 samples were collected from the public Swimming Pool at Ringwood for bacteriological examination, all of which were satisfactory.

Nine visits and inspections were made.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Twenty visits and inspections were made.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS

Under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958, 6 slaughtermen's licences were renewed. Licensees are permitted to slaughter horses, asses and mules within this local authority's district only, and swine, cattle, sheep and goats in any district.

One knacker's yard licence was renewed.

FOOD AND DRUGS

10 complaints were investigated with a view to prosecution under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. After careful consideration of the following 7 the Council decided not to institute proceedings:—

Bread roll and Hamburger roll, both containing foreign matter,
proved to be old dough;

Swiss Roll alleged to contain a piece of wire;

Beef sausages alleged to be stale and have sour odour;

Cornish pasties containing mould; and

Steak and kidney pie containing metal tag and another
containing animal hair,

but to institute proceedings in respect of the other 3 cases, namely:—

Tin of peaches containing first-aid dressing;

Loaf of bread containing burnt matchstick, and

Meat pies containing mould.

These prosecutions were successful and resulted in fines.

FOOD HYGIENE

13 premises were initially inspected and 70 premises re-inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations. 32 informal Notices were served.

The following table shows action taken since the Regulations came into operation:—

| | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1962 | 1961 | 1960-56 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| Premises inspected . . . | 13 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 85 | 236 |
| Informal Notices served . . . | 32 | 53 | 6 | 4 | 19 | 105 | 172 |
| Notices complied with . . . | 72 | 52 | 47 | 112 | 16 | 6 | 25 |

One Certificate of Exemption in respect of wash-hand basin facilities was renewed.

Legal proceedings were successfully instituted against a Market stallholder under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

5 applications for registration of premises for the storage and sale of ice cream were approved and 2 for the registration of premises for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

9 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, with satisfactory results.

Six hundred and seventy-six inspections including those under Food Hygiene Regulations were made in connection with food premises as follows:—

| | <i>No. on Register</i> | <i>Inspections</i> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|
| Food Shops | 168 | 114 |
| Bakehouses | 7 | 10 |
| Restaurant Kitchens | 106 | 66 |
| Ice Cream Premises (Section 16) | 133 | 35 |
| Preserved Food Premises (Section 16) | 19 | 6 |
| Licensed Premises and Registered Clubs | 97 | 38 |
| Market Stalls | | 336 |
| Other Stalls | | 23 |
| Mobile Vans | | 7 |
| General | | 41 |
| | | <hr/> 676 <hr/> |

THE FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

These Regulations came into operation on the 1st January, 1967, and concern the cleanliness of the clothing and persons of those engaged in the handling of food, together with all equipment, stalls and vehicles used in any food business, and the storage temperatures of certain foods, the provision of water supplies and washing facilities, and the disposal of waste material. The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, now apply to fixed premises only.

WATERCRESS BEDS

Three inspections were made during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Fifty-six visits and inspections were made.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

These Regulations require the Council to keep a Register of persons carrying on the trade of milk distributor at or from premises within the district and also of premises used as dairies, other than dairy farms.

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of Registered Distributors | 42 |
| Number of Registered Dairies | 7 |

No prosecutions were made under these Regulations.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

The following Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences were issued under these Regulations, and will expire on the 31st December, 1970.

| | |
|---|----|
| Licences to sell Pasteurised Milk | 35 |
| Licences to sell Untreated Milk | 4 |
| Licences to sell Sterilised Milk | 10 |

The Council exercised the functions of the County Council in connection with the issue of licences to dealers.

14 samples of milk were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for biological examination, phosphatase, methylene blue and turbidity tests; 2 of these were unsatisfactory, but following cleansing and sterilisation of plant and machinery satisfactory results were obtained on re-testing.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in such premises; it applies to all premises other than family businesses employing only the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, son, daughter, grandchild, brother or sister of the owner, or premises where the hours worked by an employee do not normally exceed a total of 21 per week. 254 premises are registered and 193 Notices have been served, of which 98 have been complied with. Legal proceedings were authorised in one case but were not taken as the necessary works were carried out. 4 notifications of non-fatal accidents were received.

Five hundred and twenty-six visits and inspections were made.

FACTORIES ACT

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Number on Register | . | . | . | . | . | 136 |
| Inspections made: factories | . | . | . | . | . | 17 |
| outworkers | . | . | . | . | . | 5 |

The Council is responsible for enforcing the provisions relating to sanitary conveniences in all factories, and the provisions dealing with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and drainage of floors in those factories not using machine power.

One informal Notice under Section 7, in respect of sanitary accommodation, was served and complied with.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

This Act requires scrap metal dealers to be registered with the local authority in whose area they carry on business.

One application was received and approved; ten dealers are now registered.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Seventy-three visits and inspections were made.

FOOD POISONING

Following notification that a hospital patient, the child of a cowman, was suffering from salmonella typhi-murium, many samples of milk, water and sewage were taken from two farms, and it was established that this organism, and salmonella Dublin, was present. All milk from these farms is pasteurised but it was the habit of this family, now discontinued, to drink raw milk.

Twenty-four visits and inspections were made.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.
One visit was made.

AGRICULTURAL (HEALTH AND WELFARE) ACT

This Act provides for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in agriculture and certain other occupations.
No Statutory action was taken.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following summary shows the work carried out during the year. A total of three thousand, one hundred and thirty-seven visits and inspections was made.

| | <i>Types of Property</i> | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <i>Non-agricultural premises</i> | <i>Agricultural premises</i> |
| Number of properties in the district | 9,461 | 792 |
| Number of properties inspected as a result of notification | 523 | 51 |
| Number of these properties found to be infested by: | | |
| (a) Rats | 144 | 43 |
| (b) Mice | 35 | 25 |
| Number of properties inspected as a result of survey under the Act | 2,335 | 125 |
| Number of these properties found to be infested by: | | |
| (a) Rats | 241 | 55 |
| (b) Mice | 81 | 57 |
| Total number of inspections made by Rodent Operative, including re-inspections | 2,903 | 225 |

The Workable Area Committee, re-named the Liaison Committee in Pest Control, now meets at six-monthly intervals to discuss rodent control problems and pests generally. The area covered by the Committee consists of the districts of Bournemouth County Borough, Christchurch Borough, Lymington Borough, New Forest Rural District and Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act prohibits the keeping of boarding establishments for cats or dogs except under licence granted by a local authority, to which conditions are attached and for which a fee not exceeding 10s. 6d. per annum may be charged.

The purpose of the Act is to secure that all animals are housed in accommodation suitable as regards construction, size, temperature, ventilation and cleanliness, that they are supplied with food and drink, bedding material and exercise, that all reasonable precautions are taken to control and prevent the spread of disease, and that appropriate steps are taken for the protection of the animals in case of fire or other emergency; the Act applies only to cats and dogs.

15 licences were issued, involving a total of 485 dogs and 78 cats.

Twenty-seven visits and inspections were made.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

This Act provides that pet animals for sale shall at all times be kept in suitable accommodation regarding size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness, be supplied with food and drink and not be sold at too early an age, and that all reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent the spread of disease or in case of fire.

3 licences were issued.

Fifteen visits and inspections were made.

REMOVAL OF VEHICLES (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS, 1961

Under these Regulations the Council are empowered to secure the removal of any vehicle which appears to be abandoned from any road but not from privately owned land. Any vehicle removed by the Council may be sold or scrapped if the owner cannot be traced or, if known, fails to remove it. The cost incurred by the Council in removing and disposing of a vehicle may be recovered from any known owner. 5 vehicles were found abandoned on public highways and action taken to secure their removal; 17 vehicles have now been dealt with under these Regulations.

Four visits and inspections were made.

With regard to the increasing number of vehicles abandoned on public car parks, open spaces, private streets and Council owned housing estates, where these Regulations do not apply, it was agreed that insurance cover should be obtained so that such vehicles could be removed and disposed of without the risk of legal proceedings being taken against the Council for conversion.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Following a joint complaint by four adjoining residents alleging nuisance from loud music, noisy car engines and general clamour emanating from a Club and Skittle Alley, informal action was taken; informal Notices were also served in respect of excessive noise caused by two "beat groups" practising, one in a private house and one in a hall, and in connection with an extractor fan in a brooder house, and the nuisances ceased.

Eight visits and inspections were made.

SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL

| | <i>Visits made</i> |
|---|--------------------|
| Ringwood Sewerage | 106 |
| Ringwood Sewerage, Capital Works | 5 |
| Fordingbridge Sewerage | 58 |
| Burton and Winkton Sewerage | 12 |
| Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage, Capital Works | 76 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works | 90 |
| Surface Water Drainage | 84 |
| Surface Water Drainage, Capital Works | 46 |
| Refuse Collection and Disposal | 46 |
| Street Cleansing | 10 |
| Public Conveniences | 310 |
| Car Parks | 34 |
| Council Depot | 1 |
| Ditching | 44 |
| Street Name Plates | 22 |
| Street Numbering | 141 |

SEWERAGE

RINGWOOD

During the year 403 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 2,304, including 603 Council houses.

The new Sewage Works at Moortown, completed and in operation in October, 1965, was inspected by members of the Public Health and General Purposes Committee.

The highest recorded flow dealt with at these Works was 584,000 gallons on the 25th October and the lowest 245,000 gallons on the 9th October. All samples of effluent taken by the Avon and Dorset River Authority complied with the required standard.

FORDINGBRIDGE

During the year 53 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 797, including 216 Council houses.

The highest daily recorded flow at these Works was 317,000 gallons on the 26th February, during a period of flood, and the lowest daily recorded flow 68,000 gallons on the 10th July.

All effluent samples taken by the Avon and Dorset River Authority during the year were satisfactory.

Following an investigation in October the Ministry of Housing and Local Government approved in principle the scheme for the sewerage of the Sandleheath area and extensions to the Fordingbridge Sewage Disposal Works, estimated to cost £36,500, provided that allowance was made in the layout of the Works for further extensions so that Alderholt and other possible areas could be drained to these Works at a later date.

BURTON AND WINKTON

During the year 36 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 441, including 163 Council houses.

A length of sewer serving 32 dwellings at Bodowen Road, Burton, satisfactorily completed by the developer, was taken over by the Council as a public sewer.

BRANSGORE AND THORNEYHILL

A tender of £241,273 18s. 11d. was accepted for the sewerage of Bransgore and Thorneyhill with Neacroft, and works commenced in May, the contract period being twenty-one months; a capital payment of £90,000 is to be made to the Christchurch Corporation, whose Works at Stoney Lane, after extensions, will receive sewage from these areas.

BURLEY

The detailed scheme for the sewerage of Burley, with disposal to the Ringwood Works, estimated to cost £275,882, which has been approved by the Council and in principle by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, is programmed to commence in September, 1969, with completion in March, 1971.

ST. LEONARDS AND ST. IVES

Stage I of the joint sewerage and surface water drainage scheme, being soil sewers in certain unmade roads and the installation of all trunk surface water sewers and outfalls, for which a tender of £128,680 was accepted, was satisfactorily completed, and the sewers taken over in August. The County Surveyor indicated that Lions Lane, Woolsbridge Road, Laurel Lane, Braeside Road and part of Sandy Lane (now acknowledged by the County Council to be an ancient highway) would be made up as highways maintainable at the public expense, commencing in the Spring of 1967.

A tender of £178,163 19s. 10d. was accepted for the works comprised in Stage II(A) of the scheme, being additional sewers to the west of Woolsbridge Road and works to connect Stage I to the Disposal Works which have been constructed on the south-west side of the Moors River by the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council; work was commenced in December, the contract period being eighteen months. Stage II(B) will cover the remaining soil sewers and pumping stations to the south and east of Stage I, with disposal to the Ringwood Works, and is programmed to commence in April, 1968.

EXHAUSTING OF CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS

The scheme whereby the Council bears half the cost of exhausting cesspools and septic tanks of dwelling houses and business premises where sewers are not available, commenced on April 1st, 1965. During 1966 occupiers of 1,833 premises took advantage of this service, involving 3,856 emptyings, at a cost to the Council of £6,692 17s. 6d.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

BRANGSORE AND THORNEYHILL

The approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was sought for the major scheme for surface water drainage at Brangsgore, estimated to cost £31,000, to be implemented when the present sewerage system in Brangsgore and Thorneyhill is completed, and which would result in the Clockhouse Stream being accepted and maintained as "main river" by the Avon and Dorset River Authority; the County Council as Highway Authority will contribute £7,550 and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and adjoining landowners are being asked for contributions in respect of improved drainage of agricultural land.

ST. LEONARDS AND ST. IVES

The works comprised in Stage I of the joint sewerage and surface water drainage scheme, being the installation of all trunk sewers and outfalls, for which a tender of £74,088 was accepted, were satisfactorily completed and taken over. The remaining works will be dealt with by the County Council in conjunction with the making up of roads, the cost falling upon the frontagers.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council provides a collection of all household refuse weekly in the Parish of Ringwood and the Lighting Area of Fordingbridge, and fortnightly in all other areas. Dustbins are collected from within the curtilage of premises where the occupants produce a doctor's certificate of incapacity; in all other cases receptacles, which should be covered galvanised mild steel dustbins not exceeding $3\frac{1}{4}$ cubic feet in capacity, are required to be placed outside premises as near as practicable to the roadway along which the freighter proceeds.

A second 50 cubic yard Pakamatic freighter, costing £4,968, went into service in April, replacing a 16/18 cubic yard freighter in service since 1955, and two Commer vans were purchased, a 5 cwt. at £443 and a 25 cwt. at £711; one 5 cwt. Ford van was part-exchanged and another overhauled and retained for litter collection.

Negotiations were opened for a lease of land adjoining the existing dump at Verwood Road, which will be completed early in 1967, and Planning permission obtained. An application was received for permission to deposit industrial waste collected from within the Rural District on the refuse tip, and was approved, to commence when the extension to the existing dump is in use and to be subject to payment at the rate of 1s. 3d. per cubic yard.

The following summary shows the amount of refuse collected throughout the District and disposed of at the dump during each of the past three years:

| | | | | |
|------|---|---|---|--------------------|
| 1966 | . | . | . | 60,546 cubic yards |
| 1965 | . | . | . | 48,914 „ „ |
| 1964 | . | . | . | 45,613 „ „ |

The refuse collection vehicles covered a total mileage of 46,568 during the year, compared with 40,972 in 1965.

The following schedule shows collection days throughout the District during 1967:

W E E K L Y S E R V I C E

Parish of Ringwood (Lighting Area)

DAY

Addison Square, Beechcroft Lane, Bickerley, Broadshard Lane,)
 Cadogan Road, Carvers Lane, Christchurch Road, The Close,)
 Cloughs Road, College Road, Collins Lane, Coniston Road, Cox-)
 stone Lane, Deweys Lane, Duck Island Lane, Eastfield Lane, East)
 View Road, Ebenezer Lane, Elmsdown Court, Fairlie, Fairlie Park,)
 Fieldway, Forestside Gardens, Fridays Cross, Gipsy Lane, Gorley)
 Road, Gravel Lane, Green Lane, Hampton Drive, High Street,)
 Highfield Avenue, Highfield Drive, Highfield Road, Hightown Road,)
 Hiltom Road, Hurst Corner, Hurst Road, Kings Arms Lane, Kings-)
 bury Lane, Linden Court, Linden Gardens, Link Road, London)
 Tavern Triangle, Lumby Drive, Lynes Lane, Manor Court, Manor)
 Road, Market Place, Meadow Close, Meadow Road, Meadow Way,)
 Meeting House Lane, Merryweather Estate, Middle Lane, Middleton)
 Road, Morant Road, Mount Pleasant, New Road, New Street,)
 North Poulner Road, Northfield Road, Northumberland Court,)
 Nursery Road, Oak Lane, Orchard Close, Parsonage Barn Lane,)
 Poplar Crescent, Poplar Way, Pound Close, Poulner Park, Queens-)
 way, Quomp, Redwood Close, Riverside, Salisbury Road, School)
 Lane, Seymour Road, Southampton Road, Southfield, Spittlefields,)
 Star Lane, Strides Lane, Top Lane, Wanstead Close, West Street,)
 Westbury Road, Winston Way, Woodford Close, Woodstock Lane.)

Every
Monday

Parish of Ringwood (Non-Lighting Area)

The Bridges, Salisbury Road.

Every Monday

Parish of Ringwood (Lighting Area)

Wessex Estate, Wessex Road.

Every Tuesday

Parish of Ringwood (Non-Lighting Area)

Covering the areas of Poulner, Hangersley, Merryweather Farm,)
 Nouale Lane, Hightown, Crow, Sandford, Kingston and Bisterne.)

Every
Tuesday

Parish of Fordingbridge (Lighting Area)

Albion Road, Alexandra Road, Ashford Close, The Bartons, Bartons)
 Road, Bedford Close, Bowerwood Road, Bridge Street, Brympton)
 Estate, Burnham Road, Church Street, Dudley Avenue, Green Lane,)
 Hertford Close, High Street, Horseport, Jubilee Close, Jubilee Road,)
 Lower Bartons, Market Place, Merton Close, Orchard Gardens,)
 Park Road, Parsonage Close, Parsonage Lane, Penny's Lane, Picket)
 Close, Provost Street, Roundhill, St. George's Road, Salisbury Road,)
 Salisbury Street, Shaftesbury Street, South View, Southampton Road,)
 The Square, Station Road, Victoria Road, Waverley Road, Whitsbury)
 Road.)

Every
Wednesday

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE

Parishes of Ellingham and Harbridge and Ibsley. Alternate Tuesdays

Parish of Burley. Alternate Tuesdays

Parish of Fordingbridge (Non-Lighting Area)

Comprising the areas of Bickton, Blissford, Frogham, Furzehill,) Alternate
Hucklesbrook, Ogdens, Redbrook, Hungerford, Hyde and North) Wednesdays
Gorley.)

**Parish of Fordingbridge (Non-Lighting Area) and
Parish of Rockbourne (Part)**

Comprising the areas of Godshill, Stuckton, Burgate, Sandleheath,) Alternate
and all that part of the Parish of Rockbourne south of Rockbourne) Wednesdays
Lane comprising Brick Hill, The Marsh, Sandleheath and West Park.)

Parishes of St. Leonards and St. Ives (Part), Hurn and Sopley (Part)

Comprising the Parish of Hurn and all that part of the Parish of)
Sopley west of the River Avon and in the Parish of St. Leonards and)
Ives: Ashley, Ashley Drive Estate (part), A.31 from Horton Road to)
Boundary Lane (south side), Avon Avenue, Avon Castle, Birch Close,)
Birch Road, Braeside Road, Boundary Lane, Bushmead Drive,)
Cedar Avenue, Chapel Rise, Cherry Tree Close, Egmont Drive, Fir) Alternate
Tree Close, Gainsborough Road, The Glade Estate, Grange Road,) Thursdays
Heather Close, Horton Road, Hurn Close, Hurn Lane, Hurn Road,)
Laurel Lane, Lions Lane, Lions Wood Estate, Malmesbury Road,)
Monkworthy Drive, Norris Close, Oaks Drive, Railway Drive, St.)
Ives Park, St. Ives Wood, St. Leonards Way, Struan Court, Struan)
Gardens, Warren Close, Webbs Close, Woolsbridge Road (Horton)
Road to Pine Drive).)

Parish of Christchurch East (Part) and Parish of Sopley (Part)

Comprising in the Parish of Christchurch East the areas of Beckley,)
Bransgore, Godwinscroft, Hinton, Holmsley South, Neacroft,) Alternate
Thorneyhill, Walkford and Waterditch and in the Parish of Sopley) Thursdays
all that part of the Parish east of the River Avon.)

Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives (Part)

Comprising A.31 from Horton Road to County Boundary (North)
side), Ashley Drive Estate (part), Beech Lane, The Close, Foxbury) Alternate
Road, Garden Road, Glenives Close, Knoll Gardens, Pine Drive,) Fridays
Pinewood Road, Post Office Lane, St. Ives End Lane, Sandy Lane,)
School Lane, Strode Gardens, Wayside Road, Windsor Close, Wood-)
lands Way and Woolsbridge Road (A.31 to Pine Drive.))

Parishes of Breamore, Hale, Martin and Woodgreen Alternate Fridays

Parish of Christchurch East (Part)

Comprising the areas of South, Middle and North Bockhampton,) Alternate
Burton, Holfleet, Staplecross, Winkton and Winkton Common.) Fridays

Parishes of Damerham, Rockbourne (Part) and Whitsbury Alternate Fridays

STREET CLEANSING

The Council carried out street cleansing in respect of some $19\frac{2}{3}$ miles of publicly repairable roads in Ringwood and Fordingbridge. The entire cost for cleansing these roads, which amounted to £3,501, is recoverable from the County Council. The road classifications and mileages are as follows:

| | <i>Ringwood</i> | <i>Fordingbridge</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Trunk Road . . . | 1.48 | — | 1.48 |
| Class I Road . . . | 2.07 | 0.89 | 2.96 |
| Class II Road . . . | 0.37 | 1.29 | 1.66 |
| Class III Road . . . | 2.08 | 1.19 | 3.27 |
| Unclassified . . . | 8.00 | 2.26 | 10.26 |
| | <hr/> 14.00 <hr/> | <hr/> 5.63 <hr/> | <hr/> 19.63 <hr/> |

LITTER

In view of the increasing amounts of litter being deposited at lay-byes, on road verges and commons and privately-owned land adjoining roads, it was agreed that the Council should empty litter receptacles as often as necessary and, in addition, keep certain areas in the District clear of litter, utilising the better of the two surplus 5 cwt. vans, after overhaul; this service commenced in August. 28 receptacles are sited throughout the District, and a further 9 were provided at the request of Parish Councils. A contribution at the rate of £11 5s. 0d. per week in the summer months and £2 5s. 0d. per week in the winter is made by the County Council in respect of litter collection.

STAFF – MANUAL WORKERS

A wage increase of approximately $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ per hour which had been negotiated by the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Services (Manual Workers) due to be implemented in September, was deferred because of Government action until March, 1967. The working week was reduced from 42 to 40 hours from the beginning of January. The increased collections of refuse, and this shorter working week, seriously affected daily vehicle maintenance and necessitated the appointment of a Fitter to maintain the fleet in a thoroughly road-worthy condition, who commenced duties in May.

The present labour force employed by the Council is as follows:

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Foreman/Mechanic |
| 1 | Fitter |
| 6 | Drivers |
| 13 | Loaders |
| 1 | Dump Attendant |
| 4 | Street Sweepers |
| 1 | Litter Collector |
| 2 | Estate Maintenance Workers |
| 1 | Sewage Works Foreman |
| 4 | Sewage Workers |
| 1 | Rodent Operative |
| <hr/> 35 <hr/> | |

VEHICLES

The Council's fleet of vehicles consists of the following:

| <i>Vehicle</i> | <i>Service</i> | <i>Capacity</i> | <i>Purchased</i> |
|---|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic Freighter | Refuse Collection | 50 cu.yds. | April, 1966 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 50 cu.yds. | Dec. 1965 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 35 cu.yds. | April, 1963 |
| Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter with power press | Refuse Collection | 20 cu.yds. | May 1961 |
| Karrier Bantam Freighter | Refuse Collection | 10 cu.yds. | Feb. 1961 |
| Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter | Refuse Collection | 16/18 cu.yds. | Jan. 1960 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 16/18 cu.yds. | April, 1958 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 16/18 cu.yds. | July 1955 |
| Commer Van | Housing Estate Maintenance | 25 cwt. | July, 1966 |
| Another | Rodent Control | 5 cwt. | May, 1966 |
| Another | Sewerage | 10 cwt. | April, 1960 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 10 cwt. | Jan. 1959 |
| Ford Van | Permanent Housing and Sewage Disposal | 5 cwt. | July, 1960 |
| Another | Litter Collection | 5 cwt. | Dec. 1952 |
| Massey Ferguson Tractor | Ringwood Sewerage | | April 1966 |
| Bray BL430 Tractor | Refuse Disposal | | Feb. 1964 |
| Fordson Major Tractor | Refuse Disposal and Sewerage | | June 1960 |
| Hayter Mower | Ringwood Sewerage | | May, 1966 |
| Another | General | | June, 1964 |
| Mayfield Mower | General | | June 1955 |

COUNCIL DEPOT

The buildings at the Depot comprise two blocks of 6-bay garages incorporating workshop and wash-down yards, a block with foreman's office, oil store, messroom and tool store, a salvage sorting and baling shed, small lock-up garage and two other stores, the Foreman's three-bedroomed house fronting on to The Bickerley, erected in 1960, and the dwellings known as 58, 60, 62, 64, 66 and 68, Christchurch Road. There is storage for 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 600 gallons of gas oil and 300 gallons of petrol, and car parking facilities for the public offices' staff.

CAR PARKS

Planning approval was given for the temporary use of land for car parking adjoining The Furlong, Ringwood, in the ownership of the County Council and which will be affected by the Poulner Lane Diversion, and the County Council offered a four-year lease of an area of 2 acres, with renewal thereafter from year to year, subject to terms and conditions; these were not acceptable to this Council, mainly because it was considered that it would cost approximately £17,000 to properly lay out the land and this would be an uneconomic proposition for such a short term, and the County Council was asked to re-consider the sale of the land for a permanent extension. The existing park provides accommodation for 226 cars, 13 lorries or coaches and 20 bicycles.

No further action was taken regarding negotiations for the use of part of The Bickerley, Ringwood, as a public car park, as the Parish Council stated they were considering the purchase of the land for use as a Public Open Space.

There is accommodation at the Car Park at Roundhill, Fordingbridge, for 165 cars and 2 Wilts and Dorset 'Bus Company coaches, together with reserved areas for motor-cycles and bicycles.

SALVAGE

The salvage scheme was continued and sales produced £822 1s. 11d. against £865 15s. 11d. in 1965 and £721 13s. 0d. in 1964; a further £340 was received from tradesmen for special collections of cardboard cartons, wrapping paper, etc. Notifications were twice received from the Board Mills of reductions in price, owing to the weak state of the market, and it is estimated that income from salvage will not exceed £40 0s. 0d. per month at present prices. The sum of £55 6s. 1d. was paid to the workmen under the incentive bonus scheme.

Details of salvage sold are shown in the following summary:

| | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Cwts.</i> | <i>Qtrs</i> | <i>Lbs</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| WASTE PAPER | | | | | | | |
| Clean Newspaper | 118 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 3 | 9 |
| Baled Paper | 18 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 127 | 18 | 0½ |
| Baled Cardboard | 12 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 1 | 4½ |
| Mixed Wastepaper | 24 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 85 | 16 | 3 |
| TEXTILES | | | | | | | |
| Rags | 8 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 96 | 18 | 0 |
| METALS | | | | | | | |
| Light Shearing | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Irony Metal | | 8 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 5 | 0 |
| Mixed Irony Metal | | 3 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Soft Lead | | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 10 | 0 |
| Batteries | | 13 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 9 | 6 |
| | 185 | 11 | 1 | 0 | £822 | 1 | 11 |

PUBLIC OFFICES

Following the collapse of a lath and plaster ceiling to one office, consequent replacement and redecoration costing £49 1s. 8d., it was agreed that all similar ceilings in the building should be replaced within two years, at an estimated cost of £1,200 with redecoration, and that 1/5th of the offices be redecorated each year. Works of resurfacing and drainage to the car park at the rear of the offices, for which tenders were obtained, were deferred indefinitely in view of the expenditure required on the offices building. The County Council vacated the Court Room used as Library premises at the end of the year.

CATTLE POUND

One animal only was impounded by the Police during the year, compared with 216 in 1963, a result of the provision of fencing and grids on the main Trunk Roads through the New Forest.

Two visits and inspections were made.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Committee considered a suggestion that public conveniences were needed in the Christchurch Road area, particularly in view of the opening of the new Library at Greyfriars, where sanitary accommodation for the public is not provided, but the matter was deferred pending a possible approach by the County Council.

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Two new roads were numbered, 4 existing roads were re-numbered, 2 re-named roads were numbered and it was agreed that, as time permitted, the whole of the built-up area of Fordingbridge should be re-numbered. 4 new roads were named and one existing road and one cul-de-sac re-named.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT, PETROLEUM MIXTURES AND CARBIDE OF CALCIUM

| | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|-----|-------------------|
| Number of premises on register | . | . | . | . | 113 | |
| Number of petroleum spirit licences | . | . | . | . | 111 | (314,750 gallons) |
| Number of petroleum mixture licences | . | . | . | . | 3 | (16,330 gallons) |
| Number of carbide of calcium licences | . | . | . | . | 1 | (6,720 lbs.) |
| Number of new applications during year | . | . | . | . | 2 | (1,000 gallons) |

Licence fees received during the year amounted to £98 15s. 0d.

The Council is responsible for seeing that petroleum spirit, mixtures, etc. are stored or carried in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, the Petroleum Spirit (Motor Vehicles etc.) Regulations, the Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929 and the Petroleum Spirit (Conveyance by Road) Regulations, 1957.

All electrically operated petrol pumps and installations comply with the recommendations contained in the Model Code of Principles of Construction and Licensing Conditions for the storage of Petroleum Spirit issued by the Home Office in 1957.

Two hundred and sixty-seven visits and inspections were made.

BUILDING BYELAWS

These Byelaws applied only during January, and were superseded on the 1st February by the Building Regulations.

Plans:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Number of plans received | . | . | . | 124 |
| Number of plans approved | . | . | . | 113 |
| Number of plans rejected | . | . | . | 5 |
| Number of plans "No objection" | . | . | . | 2 |
| Number of plans withdrawn | . | . | . | 4 |

Classification of the deposited plans is as follows:

- 20 plans in respect of 80 dwellings.
- 46 plans in respect of alterations.
- 22 plans in respect of 23 garages.
- 31 plans in respect of drainage works.
- 1 plan in respect of 1 agricultural building.
- 3 plans in respect of 3 miscellaneous buildings.
- 1 plan in respect of 1 estate road.

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BUILDING REGULATIONS

In order to achieve uniformity and to enable requirements to be more readily amended to take account of advances in knowledge and changes in techniques and materials, national building regulations were introduced by the Minister of Public Building and Works and came into operation on the 1st February.

These replace local building byelaws and the provisions of local Acts dealing with related matters, and contain many new provisions relating to structural fire precautions, sound insulation, stairways and balustrades, open spaces, ventilation and height of rooms, etc.

Plans:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Number of plans received | . | . | . | 862 |
| Number of plans approved | . | . | . | 786 |
| Number of plans rejected | . | . | . | 50 |
| Number of plans "No objection" | . | . | . | 9 |
| Number of plans withdrawn | . | . | . | 17 |

Classification of the deposited plans is as follows:

- 177 plans in respect of 489 dwellings.
- 232 plans in respect of alterations.
- 137 plans in respect of 153 garages.
- 208 plans in respect of 209 drainage works.
- 22 plans in respect of 22 agricultural buildings.
- 72 plans in respect of 74 miscellaneous buildings.
- 5 plans in respect of 5 factory buildings.
- 6 plans in respect of 6 estate roads.
- 3 plans in respect of conversions resulting in 4 units of accommodation.

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Inspections under Building Byelaws and Regulations:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Foundations | 629 |
| Oversite | 285 |
| Damp proof courses | 312 |
| Water tests to drains | 1,095 |
| Completed works | 746 |
| Sewer connections | 195 |
| Contraventions | 189 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,892 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 6,343 |
| | <hr/> |

Contraventions:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Contraventions of Byelaws and Regulations | 178 |
| Number of Statutory Notices served: Section 37 | 2 |
| Section 65 | 5 |
| Number of informal Notices served | 129 |

The Council agreed to delegate its powers with regard to the relaxation of individual Regulations to the Building Regulations Committee; relaxations were agreed in nine cases, three in respect of Part K relating to open spaces, and six in respect of Part N.17(2)(f) relating to dimensions of cesspools.

It was agreed to appoint Mr. D. H. Robinson, B.SC.(ENG.), A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.STRUCT.E., of Winchester, a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer, to check, where necessary, design strength and structural calculations of new methods of construction and new materials in plans deposited under the Regulations.

NEW STREET BYELAWS

7 plans were received and twelve inspections made in connection with works of laying out new streets.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS

St. George's Road, St. George's Crescent and Jubilee Road, Fordingbridge, made up during 1965, were taken over by the County Council as highways maintainable at the public expense; Highfield Road, Highfield Drive, Highfield Avenue and Middleton Road, Ringwood, were also taken over at the expiration of the maintenance period following sewer laying operations. Ashford Close, Fordingbridge, The Paddock, Frogham, and Pound Close, Poplar Close and part of Fieldway, Ringwood, together with Whitehayes Close, Burton, and Warren Close, Ashley, all privately

developed roads, were taken over, as were the Council roads Campbell Road and Park Close on the Burton Park Estate and Westbury Close, Bransgore and Jubilee Close, Fordingbridge, the two latter made up by this Council during 1965. Sandy Lane and St. Ives End Lane, St. Leonards, are acknowledged by the County Council to be ancient highways and will be made up without cost to the frontagers.

FOOTPATHS

The Council lodged an objection with the County Council to an application for the closure of a bridleway from Ashley which connected with other bridleways in Dorset, as it was much used by equestrians, and the application was subsequently withdrawn. An Order for the diversion of a footpath at Sopley, to which the Council had made no objection, was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government by the County Council for confirmation. The Council supported the Martin Parish Council and the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council regarding the obstruction of certain rights of way at Bokerley Down, Martin, which is still being considered by the Open Spaces Committee of the County Council. It was agreed that a right of way from Sandy Lane, St. Ives to Horton Road, Ashley, should be dedicated as a public footpath, and be made up by this Council prior to being taken over by the County Council as publicly maintainable.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

Development applications are received by my Department, which also deals with the work of maintaining the Planning Register and Planning Index Maps. Enquirers are advised on Planning matters generally and inspections made on behalf of the Planning Authority, to whom reports are furnished on known contraventions.

997 Planning applications were received, and one thousand, one hundred and forty-four visits and inspections made.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government accepted with modifications the proposals for the amendment of the Ringwood Town Map, submitted by the County Council, and to which this Council had raised no objection; a Ringwood Town Centre Map is in course of preparation.

The Township Plan for Fordingbridge was published, and a special meeting of the Public Health and General Purposes Committee held to consider objections received from owners and occupiers of properties affected by the Plan; the County Planning Committee was requested to review the Plan insofar as it related to the proposed shopping precinct, the existing Car Park, a relief road and an alternative route through the Town.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (HISTORIC BUILDINGS) ACT, 1962

This Act provides for contributions by way of grants or loans by local authorities towards the repair and maintenance of buildings of historic or architectural interest; this Council co-operates with the County Council in the operation of the Act.

No applications for grants or loans were received during the year.
One visit of inspection was made.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

No Statutory action was taken in respect of dangerous buildings.
Eight visits and inspections were made.

TRUNK ROAD A.31

The Ministry of Transport asked for observations on the proposals for the Poulner Lane Diversion of the Trunk Road, and a special meeting of the Public Health and General Purposes Committee was held; it was agreed that the Council should withdraw their objections to the proposals and support the scheme, reserving the right to object to certain details thereof. Small parcels of land at Hurn and the old Refuse Dump, Ashley, affected by the Ashley Treening Diversion, were sold to the Ministry of Transport for road widening purposes.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

A comprehensive report on road accidents was received from the Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight each quarter, showing a total of 262 injury accidents and 406 casualties (16 fatal) in this Rural District for the year, and giving a break-down of causes, vehicles and fatal or non-fatal casualties in separate classes of road users.

AVON AND DORSET RIVER AUTHORITY

A Public Inquiry, at which the Council was represented, was held in connection with the River Authority's Planning Appeal against refusal of permission to carry out certain works to the Rivers Stour and Leaden Stour at Throop Mill, to which the Council had lodged an objection on the grounds that such works would destroy the amenities of the area; the Appeal was dismissed, but without prejudice to the submission of a fresh application on this or an alternative site.

HOUSING SITES

The whole of the development at Spittlefields, Ringwood, commenced in March, 1965, consisting of thirty-five 2-bedroomed houses, thirty-six 3-bedroomed houses and two 4-bedroomed houses, together with one hundred and seven garages and twelve houses with integral garages which are for sale to selected Council tenants or applicants on the Housing Waiting List, was completed in November. The two pre-fabricated bungalow sites at Eastfield Lane and Manor Road were cleared and the tenants re-housed at Spittlefields; revised layouts were agreed and outline Planning approval obtained for the erection of eleven dwellings for elderly persons on the Manor Road site and seven 3-bedroomed houses at Eastfield Lane. Further negotiations to purchase and develop land to the south of Wessex Estate, for which a tentative layout showing twenty-three dwellings has been approved in principle were deferred, pending the actual route of the Poulner Lane Diversion being made known. The dwelling known as 'The Old Barn', Eastfield Lane, having a total area of 1.35 acres, was purchased, a layout prepared and Planning permission obtained for the erection of fourteen dwellings and six garages.

The extension of the existing estate at Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge, commenced in February, 1965, consisting of eight 2-bedroomed houses and six 3-bedroomed houses, with nine garages, was completed in February. A tender of £153,681 18s. 0d. was accepted for the erection of twenty-eight 3-bedroomed houses, sixteen 2-bedroomed houses, four 2-bedroomed bungalows and four 1-bedroomed flats, together with fifty-two garages, on land adjoining the existing estate at Penny's Lane, the contract to include the demolition of the thirteen pre-fabricated bungalows on the site, and work commenced in October.

Negotiations with landowners and the Planning Authority are in progress regarding sites at Damerham and Breamore; it was agreed that, as there appeared to be no urgent demand, the question of the purchase of land at Rockbourne for the erection of aged persons' dwellings should be left in abeyance.

One hundred and six visits and inspections were made.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

The programme for 1966, which had been agreed at 107 dwellings, was cut drastically to the 52 dwellings on the Penny's Lane site, as the Council decided that no other contracts be proceeded with, except in exceptional circumstances, until the new Housing Bill became law and the revised amount of Exchequer Subsidy was known.

A Sub-Committee of the Housing Committee considered the Parker Morris Report, with especial reference to space heating and Rationalised Traditional Housing built to Parker Morris Standards.

The elevational designs of dwellings intended for villages were considered and it was agreed that small development schemes in villages should be architecturally designed individually so as to fit in with the informal character of a village.

The following table shows the position of sites for housing development owned by the Council, or for which negotiations to purchase are in hand:

| <i>Site</i> | <i>Acreage</i> | <i>Planning Position</i> | <i>Development</i> |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Derritt Lane, Bransgore | 1.25 | Outline 21.5.65 | 10 dwellings and 10 garages. |
| Ringwood Road, Bransgore | 0.2 | Outline 29.3.65 | 4 flats for aged persons. |
| Adjoining St. George's Cottages, Breamore | 0.55 | Awaiting decision | 4 dwellings and 4 garages. |
| Warnes Lane, Burley | 3.3 | Outline 30.12.65 | 25 dwellings and 20 garages. |
| Sandy Plot, Burton | 1.7 | Outline 9.4.64 | 16 dwellings and 30 garages. |
| High Street, Damerham | 0.65 | Awaiting decision | 4 dwellings and 4 garages. |
| Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge | 1.62 | Outline 7.3.58 | 18 dwellings approximately. |
| St. George's Road and Albion Road, Fordingbridge | 1.9 | Outline 5.5.64 | 18 dwellings, 6 flats for aged persons and 18 garages. |
| Waverley Road, Fordingbridge | 1.12 | Awaiting decision | 10 dwellings. |
| Land at Martin | 5.5 | Not yet applied for | 20-30 dwellings approximately. |
| The Old Barn, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood | 1.35 | Outline 18.5.66 | 14 dwellings and 6 garages. |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood | 0.85 | Outline 21.9.66 | 7 dwellings. |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Manor Road, Ringwood | 1.75 | Outline 21.9.66 | 11 dwellings for aged persons. |
| Land south of Wessex Estate, Ringwood | 2.0 | Not yet applied for | 23 dwellings approximately. |
| Land adjoining Whipps Hill, Rockbourne | 0.27 | Not yet applied for | 2 dwellings. |
| Glenives Close, St. Ives | 0.5 | Outline 22.7.64 | 7 dwellings when sewers are available. |
| The Close, St. Ives | 0.41 | Outline 3.12.64 | 4 dwellings, 6 flats for aged persons and 16 garages, when sewers are available. |

ESTATE MAINTENANCE

At the 31st December, 1966, the Council had a total of 1,374 occupied dwellings made up as follows:

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| Permanent Houses, including 40 aged persons' flats | . 1,346 |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalows | 28 |
| | <hr/> 1,374 <hr/> |

The Council has erected a total of 435 garages which are let to tenants at 10s. 0d. per week.

The permanent houses, garages and pre-fabricated bungalows are sited as follows:

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Locality</i> | <i>Traditional</i> | <i>Pre-fabricated</i> | <i>Garages</i> |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Breamore | St. George's Cottages . . . | 4 | | |
| Burley | Campden House . . . | 2 | | |
| | Chapel Haye . . . | 10 | | |
| | Warnes Lane . . . | 35 | 6 | 7 |
| Christchurch | Meyrick Close, Bransgore . . . | 18 | | 15 |
| East | Westbury Close, Bransgore . . . | 32 | | |
| | Burton Park, Burton . . . | 76 | | 43 |
| | Footners Lane, Burton . . . | 14 | 6 | 7 |
| | Jopps Corner, Burton . . . | 7 | | 4 |
| | Sandy Plot, Burton . . . | 56 | | 16 |
| | Burton Green . . . | 4 | | |
| | Neacroft . . . | 3 | | |
| | Thorneyhill . . . | 27 | | |
| Damerham | High Street . . . | 2 | | |
| | South End . . . | 4 | | |
| | West Park Lane . . . | 23 | | |
| Ellingham | Blashford . . . | 4 | | |
| Fordingbridge | The Bartons . . . | 25 | | 9 |
| | Green Lane . . . | 10 | | |
| | Jubilee Close . . . | 16 | | 6 |
| | Lower Bartons . . . | 28 | | |
| | Parsonage Close . . . | 14 | | 19 |
| | Penny's Lane . . . | 8 | 4 | |
| | Picket Close . . . | 54 | | 9 |
| | Roundhill . . . | 2 | | |
| | St. George's Road . . . | 12 | | |
| | Salisbury Road . . . | 8 | | |
| | Tinkers Cross . . . | 2 | | |
| | Waverley Road . . . | 26 | | |
| Hale | St. George's Cottages . . . | 14 | | |
| Harbridge and | Brookside . . . | 6 | | |
| Ibsley | | | | |
| Hurn | Moors Close . . . | 54 | | 22 |
| Martin | St. George's Cottages . . . | 12 | | |
| | Townsend . . . | 24 | | |
| Ringwood | 55, The Bickerley . . . | 1 | | |
| | 58/68, Christchurch Road . . . | 6 | | |
| | Clark's Close . . . | 18 | | |
| | Cloughs Road . . . | 20 | | 4 |
| | Fairlie Estate . . . | 3 | | |
| | Fairlie Park . . . | 36 | | 10 |
| | Hightown . . . | 8 | | |
| | Hurst Road . . . | 42 | | 6 |
| | Manor Road . . . | 35 | | 15 |
| | Merryweather . . . | 24 | | |
| | Moortown . . . | 14 | | 7 |
| | Poplar Crescent . . . | 37 | | |
| | Poplar Way . . . | 58 | | 27 |
| | Queens Way . . . | 71 | | 24 |
| | Southampton Road . . . | 1 | | |
| | Spittlefields . . . | 81 | | 107 |
| | Wessex Estate . . . | 92 | | 42 |
| | Winston Way . . . | 48 | | 15 |
| | Woodstock Lane . . . | 2 | | |

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Locality</i> | <i>Traditional</i> | <i>Pre-fabricated</i> | <i>Garages</i> |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Rockbourne | Bourne Cottages | 6 | | |
| | Minty's Hill | 6 | | |
| | Whipps Hill | 1 | | |
| Sopley | Avon | 4 | | |
| | Burnt House Lane, Bransgore | 20 | | 7 |
| | Derritt Lane, Bransgore | | 6 | |
| | Ripley | 2 | | |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives | Ashley | 4 | | |
| | Glenives Close and The Close | 10 | 6 | |
| | Old School | 1 | | |
| | Woolsbridge Road | 16 | | |
| Whitsbury | Lower Grove | 17 | | 8 |
| Woodgreen | Hill Close | 12 | | |
| | The Cross | 8 | | 6 |
| | St. George's Cottages | 6 | | |

The maintenance of these estates entailed a total of five thousand, seven hundred and thirty-five visits and inspections as follows:

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|------------------------------------|-------|
| Permanent Houses | 5,527 |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalows | 147 |
| Other Council property | 4 |
| Sewage Disposal | 42 |
| Caravan Sites | 15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 5,735 |
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Four of the houses on the Spittlefields estate, and two other Council dwellings, were sold to tenants.

315 dwellings were painted externally and internal decorating works carried out to 76 dwellings occupied by aged or infirm tenants. Works of lagging and roof insulation for the prevention of frost damage, programmed for 1966, were deferred for economic reasons; there are approximately 178 dwellings still unprotected, works to 523 dwellings having been carried out in the years 1963 to 1965. A tender of £2,689 1s. 6d. was accepted for electrical installations to 100 dwellings, designed to bring these up to the minimum standard of one 13-amp. point in each room and a cooker control panel in the kitchen; some 404 dwellings are still below this standard. A further 41 immersion heaters were installed at tenants' requests, bringing the total installed under the scheme to 630, a charge of 6d. per week being made to the tenant.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT
SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACT

Two hundred and twelve visits and inspections were made in connection with a total of 184 dwellings constructed or purchased with assistance under these Acts since 1941.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was found necessary to institute proceedings as follows:

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| Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960: | |
| Moortown Farms Ltd., Ringwood | Fined £10, Council awarded ten guineas costs. |
| Mr. Wm. Cooper, Woodgreen. | Fined £1, Council awarded two-and-a-half guineas costs. |
| Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269: | |
| Mr. Wm. Cooper, Woodgreen | Fined 5s. 0d., Council awarded two-and-a-half guineas costs. |
| Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2: | |
| Co-Operative Wholesale Society Ltd. | Fined £25, Council awarded ten guineas costs. |
| Jose and Sons (New Milton) Ltd. | Fined £10, Council awarded five guineas costs. |
| Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 113. | |
| F. W. Moore and Co. Ltd. | Fined £5, Council awarded five guineas costs. |
| Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960: | |
| Mrs. A. Porter, Ringwood Market | Fined £6, Council awarded two guineas costs. |

Seventeen visits and inspections were made.

STAFF

The following technical officers are engaged on works in connection with New Streets and Buildings, Town and Country Planning, Housing Estate Maintenance, etc.

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 F. W. Hinton, MUN.B.I., *Building Inspector*;
 E. W. M. Maeer, *Building Inspector*;
 R. Breese, *Junior Building Inspector*;
 K. A. C. Treasure, *Estate Maintenance Assistant*, and
 J. Thomas, *Estate Maintenance Assistant*.

CONCLUSION

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, Mr. A. H. Hale and Dr. D. J. N. McNab for their confidence and support, and the staff of my Department for their co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

RONALD A. UPSTONE,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

